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## **Governor Jan Brewer Announces Appointment of Superior Court Judge in Maricopa County**

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today announced the appointment of Michael J. Herrod to the Maricopa County Superior Court.

“Mr. Herrod is a well-rounded and accomplished attorney who has practiced law in the state of Arizona for nearly thirty years,” said Governor Brewer. “His specialization in family law issues will be a tremendous asset to the Maricopa County court system.”

Mr. Herrod is a founding director of the law firm Schmitt, Schneck, Smyth & Herrod, P.C., where he has practiced since 1999. His areas of expertise include adoptions, private dependencies, private termination of parental rights and paternity practice. Mr. Herrod primarily represents birthmothers and adoptive couples. He also practices in the area of family business and estate planning, and frequently represents small companies and individuals doing business and estate planning, wills, trusts, probate, guardianships, conservatorships and business formation.

Mr. Herrod has experience with criminal law as a former prosecutor for the Town of Carefree, and his legal background includes work in real estate, bankruptcy, criminal defense and administrative law. He received his undergraduate degree from Austin College in 1980, and his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 1983. He was admitted to the Arizona State Bar that same year.

Mr. Herrod served as a member of the Board of Trustees for Paradise Valley Hospital since 1989, and as a member of the Board of Directors for Paradise Valley Christian School from 1991 to 1992.

This appointment was made to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Joseph Heilman.

“Michael Herrod has an impressive legal background,” Governor Brewer said, “and I’m confident he’ll serve the citizens of Maricopa County well.”

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